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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the June 3, 2005 Final Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ended on September 3, 2005. A two-month extension is hereby requested, extending the period for response to November 3, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.